

HOSTING THE EMYA



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOSTING THE EUROPEAN MUSEUM OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Every year, EMYA Annual Conference & Awards Ceremony brings together for about 300 participants from the European museum community including former candidates and winners, EMF trustees and judges, partners and friends, in addition to the EMYA nominees.

Sybir Memorial Museum hosting EMYA2025 © Krzysztof Karpinski



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HOST

As a host, you are a legal cultural entity in the field of museums, monuments or natural reserves, capable of organising a three-day Conference, an Awards Ceremony, and a gala dinner for approximately 300 attendees.

WHAT YOU PROVIDE

A main venue for the Conference, accommodating around 300 participants, along with spaces for meetings and workshops.

A distinctive cultural setting for the Awards Ceremony and gala dinner.

Administrative capacity to manage delegate bookings and requirements.

Strong press coverage for the Conference and Awards Ceremony.

Opportunities for attendees to explore places of interest, such as exhibitions, museums, art centres, or landmark buildings.

A compelling pre- and post-conference tour programme.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in hosting the EMYA Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony, contact us at emf@europeanforum.museum to begin an informal discussion.

Estonian National Museum hosting EMYA2022 © Anna Viaznickova ja Arp Karm



WHAT OUR PREVIOUS HOSTS SAY?

EMYA2025 IN BIALYSTOK

The Sybir Memorial Museum proudly served as the host of EMYA2025, opening its doors to museum professionals from across Europe. It was a unique opportunity to present the history of mass deportations to Siberia and the host city – multicultural Białystok – on an international stage. The gathering of professionals created a space for inspiring debates, becoming a true celebration of museology. We are proud to have co-created this significant event, strengthening the role of museums in building memory and dialogue.

Prof. Wojciech Śleszyński
Director of the Sybir Memorial Museum



EMYA2024 IN PORTIMÃO

We were very happy to have been the venue for the presentation and discussion involving the fifty museums chosen as examples of innovation and progress in this cultural sector. The beauty of this is that the EMYA annual conferences showcase, above all, stories and narratives that portray the true spirit of the people, places, collections, and situations addressed by the candidate museums.

Álvaro Bila
Mayor of Portimão

EMYA2023 IN BARCELONA

Barcelona History Museum (MUHBA), celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2023 hosted this time-honoured event, bringing together 33 delegations from across Europe and over 300 outstanding professionals from the museum sector. This gathering set the stage for international, top-flight professional debate on the role of museums as important institutions in our cities, supporting democracy and a public commitment to the cultural and social values they embody.



Barcelona is a city of dynamic, innovative museums that spark the interest of both residents and visitors. It is also a unique outward-looking city, brimming with life and Mediterranean character. The EMYA's presence in our city was a huge opportunity for everyone to celebrate and share the wealth of culture in Barcelona for the benefit of all.

Ada Colau Ballano
Mayor of Barcelona

EMYA2024 IN TARTU

Hosting the EMYA2022 conference and awards ceremony offered the Estonian National Museum and the Tartu city a unique platform to showcase our excellence to a wide range of European museum experts as well as larger audiences. It also provided an enriching experience of sharing the topics of vibrant cultural heritage and innovation with colleagues from all across Europe.

Kertu Saks, Director
Estonian National Museum



WHO WE ARE?

ABOUT THE EMYA

The European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) was founded in 1977 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, with the aim of supporting, encouraging, awarding and showcasing excellence and innovation in the museum field, particularly in the areas conceptualised by Kenneth Hudson as 'public quality'.



ABOUT THE EMF

The European Museum Forum is one of the leading organisations in Europe for developing the public quality of European museums and has established this primary position after nearly five decades of providing its service. It runs the prestigious European Museum of the Year Awards scheme, which is an important occasion for promoting innovative approaches in the museum sector throughout the whole continent.



MUHBA Barcelona hosting EMYA2023 © David Del Val, MUHBA



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